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General voter information, links to the websites of the Local Boards of Elections, absentee ballot deadlines, and an absentee ballot application that can be downloaded are provided on the Maryland State Board of Elections' website.

For questions about polling place assignment, absentee ballots, important deadlines, or becoming an election judge, please contact your Local Board of Elections.

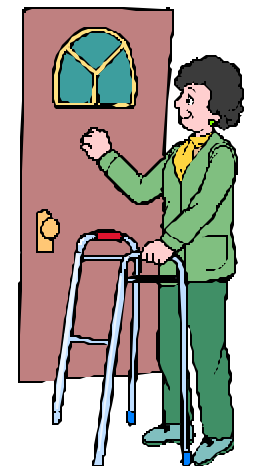
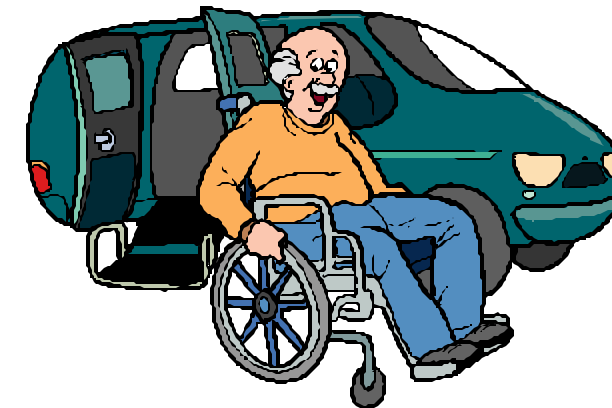
Local Boards of Elections in Maryland

Allegany	301-777-5931	Harford	410-638-3565
		TTY	410-638-3086
Anne Arundel	410-222-6600	Howard	410-313-5820
Baltimore City	410-396-5550	Kent	410-778-0038
TTY	410-545-6148		
Baltimore County	410-887-5700	Montgomery	240-777-8500
		TTY	240-777-2545
Calvert	410-535-2214	Prince George's	301-952-3270
or	301-855-1376	TTY	301-627-3352
Caroline	410-479-8145	Queen Anne's	410-758-0832
Carroll	410-386-2080	St. Mary's	301-475-4200
Cecil	410-996-5310	Somerset	410-651-0767
Charles	301-934-8972	Talbot	410-770-8099
Dorchester	410-228-2560	Washington	240-313-2050
Frederick	301-694-1005	Wicomico	410-548-4830
Garrett	301-334-6985	Worcester	410-632-1320

MARYLAND VOTES



How has Maryland made voting accessible for you or someone you know?



We know that equality of individual ability has never existed and never will, but we do insist that equality of opportunity still must be sought.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Maryland uses a statewide uniform voting system that enables most voters to vote a secret ballot. This accessible system is already in use in 23 counties and will be used in Baltimore City for the 2006 elections.

Maryland's voting system is accessible for voters who are blind or visually impaired.

- A voter may request a magnified or audio ballot. Headphones and keypad are provided for audio ballots.
- The audio ballot has the same options and content as the touchscreen ballot.
- The voting unit's screen is blank during an audio ballot for privacy.



Requesting an accessibility option is easy!

Request a magnified or audio ballot when checking in at the polling place on Election Day.

- *You do not need to give an explanation or fill out additional forms.*

Maryland's voting system is accessible for voters with physical disabilities.

- An election judge can adjust the angle of the voting unit's screen.
- The voting unit's touchscreen responds to the touch of a finger, the eraser end of a pencil, or any other dull-ended device.



What if I need assistance?

If you have a disability or are unable to read or write, then you may select someone to assist you. By law, your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union cannot assist you. An election judge may assist you, but only in the presence of another election judge of a different political party.

- A voter using the audio ballot can tell an assistant which numbers to press on the keypad. ***The voter's audio ballot remains private.***

How else is Maryland's voting system accessible?

- All voters, including voters who have difficulties with reading, may request an audio ballot.
- All voter information is available in writing for voters who are deaf or hearing-impaired.



What if I have questions?

An election judge will be able to answer your questions about voting, but may not in any way suggest how you should vote or attempt to influence your vote.

Are ballots available in other languages?

- In Montgomery County, federal law requires that all election materials for voters, including the audio ballot, be available in Spanish.
- Montgomery County voluntarily provides printed election materials in Korean, Vietnamese, and Mandarin Chinese.
- Prince George's County voluntarily offers election materials for voters, including the audio ballot, in Spanish.
- Voters who cannot read the available ballots may have an assistant.



Are polling places accessible?

Maryland is improving the accessibility of polling places and voting areas by reserving more parking spaces, marking accessible walkways and entrances, and providing additional seating.

Contact your Local Board of Elections to determine if your assigned polling place is accessible for you. If it is not accessible for you, then you can:

- request to be reassigned to another polling place if one exists that is both accessible to you AND offers the same ballot style as your assigned polling place, OR
- request an absentee ballot by completing an application which is due by the Tuesday before Election Day. After this deadline, you or your agent must pick up a late application at your Local Board of Elections.